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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF TIBOR PETHO

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN AND NEWSPAPER EDITOR TIBOR PETHO HAS COMPLETED A VERY FULL WEEK'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON (OCTOBER 24-29). PETHO CONSIDERED HIS PROGRAM HIGHLY USEFUL AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF STATE AND USIA AND FOR AMBASSADOR KAISER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION.

2. PETHO'S PROGRAM INCLUDED MEETINGS AT STATE WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ, EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS AND HUNGARIAN DESK OFFICER GERTH, AT USIA WITH BECSKEHAZY AND AT NSC WITH ROBERT KING. PETHO MEET FELLOW LEGISLATORS SENATORS STAFFORD, SPARKMAN, CASE, PERCY AND BIDEN. BOB KAISER AND PETER OSNOS HOSTED A LUNCH AT THE WASHINGTON POST.

3. PETHO'S CONVERSATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND NSC WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WIDE-RANGING AND FRANK, AND DEALT WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS, US-SOVIET RELATIONS, SALT, MBFR, THE MIDDLE EAST AND PANAMA CANAL. PETHO WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS AND IN THE ATTITUDES OF HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS ON MAJOR ISSUES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. DISCUSSIONS AT USIA CENTERED ON CONTRASTING POLAND AND HUNGARY. PETHO NOTED THAT ON EVERY VISIT TO POLAND HE IS IMPRESSED THAT THE

SITUATION IS WORSE THAN IT SHOULD BE. VANCE

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